

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 5, wherein the plurality of servers are Windows NT servers and the centralized server is a directory server.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 5, wherein the centralized server is a directory server and wherein changing the security information includes using an editor to change a directory listing in the centralized server.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously presented) A method of updating security configurations of a plurality of servers, comprising:
  - changing security information in a centralized server;
  - receiving an update command; and
  - downloading the changed security information to the plurality of servers in response to receiving the update command, wherein the downloaded changed security information is used to update the security configurations of the plurality of servers, wherein the security configurations of the plurality of servers are updated by updating security parameter lists associated with at least one of files and resources associated with each of the plurality of servers, and wherein the security parameter lists identify authorized users or authorized groups of users of the at least one of files and resources associated with the security parameter lists.
6. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 5, wherein the update command is received from a network administrator.
7. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 5, wherein the update command is received at scheduled periodic times.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 5, wherein the update command is received from one or more of the plurality of servers.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 5, wherein the centralized server is a light weight directory access protocol server.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 5, wherein downloading the changed security information includes filtering a directory listing stored on the centralized server to extract the changed security information.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 5, wherein the security configurations are updated by filtering the downloaded changed security information to extract only necessary update information for updating the security configurations and then updating the security configurations based on the extracted necessary update information.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) The security configuration update server of claim [[12]] 16, wherein the plurality of servers are Windows NT servers and the security configuration update server is a directory server.

14. (Currently amended) The security configuration update server of claim [[12]] 16, wherein the update command includes changes to the security information.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) A security configuration update server for updating security configurations of a plurality of servers, comprising:

a controller;

a network interface coupled to the controller; and

a storage device coupled to the controller, wherein the controller, in response to receiving an update command, downloads security information stored in the storage device to the plurality of servers via the network interface, wherein the downloaded security information is used to update the security configurations of the plurality of servers, wherein the security configuration of the plurality of servers are

updated by updating security parameter lists associated with at least one of files and resources associated with each of the plurality of servers, and wherein the security parameter lists identify authorized users or authorized groups of users of the at least one of files and resources associated with the security parameter lists.

17. (Currently amended) The security configuration update server of claim [[12]] 16, wherein the update command is received from a network administrator.

18. (Currently amended) The security configuration update server of claim [[12]] 16, wherein the update command is received at scheduled periodic times.

19. (Currently amended) The security configuration update server of claim [[12]] 16, wherein the update command is received from one or more of the plurality of servers.

20. (Currently amended) The security configuration update server of claim [[12]] 16, wherein the security configuration update server is a light weight directory access protocol server.

21. (Currently amended) The security configuration update server of claim [[12]] 16, wherein downloading the changed security information includes filtering a directory listing stored in the storage device to extract the changed security information.

22. (Currently amended) The security configuration update server of claim [[12]] 16, wherein the security configurations are updated by filtering the downloaded security information to extract only necessary update information for updating the security configurations and then updating the security configurations based on the extracted necessary update information.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim [[23]] 26, wherein the centralized server is a directory server and wherein the first instructions include instructions for using an editor to change a directory listing in the centralized server.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously presented) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for updating security configurations of a plurality of servers, comprising:
- first instructions for changing security information in a centralized server;
  - second instructions for receiving an update command; and
  - third instructions for downloading the changed security information to the plurality of servers in response to receiving the update command, wherein the downloaded changed security information is used to update the security configurations of the plurality of servers, wherein the third instructions include instructions for updating security parameter lists associated with at least one of files and resources associated with each of the plurality of servers, and wherein the security parameter lists identify authorized users or authorized groups of users of the at least one of files and resources associated with the security parameter lists.
27. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim ~~[[23]]~~ 26, wherein the update command is received from a network administrator.
28. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim ~~[[23]]~~ 26, wherein the update command is received at scheduled periodic times.
29. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim ~~[[23]]~~ 26, wherein the update command is received from one or more of the plurality of servers.
30. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim ~~[[23]]~~ 26, wherein the centralized server is a light weight directory access protocol server.
31. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim ~~[[23]]~~ 26, wherein the third instructions include instructions for filtering a directory listing stored on the centralized server to extract the changed security information.
- 32-40. (Canceled)